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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT: OCTOBER 12

1. FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK BEGAN OCTOBER 12 EVENTS WITH A VISIT TO NASA WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY GENERAL THOMAS P. STAFFORD, COMMANDER OF THE FORTHCOMING JOINT US-USSR SPACE LAB MISSION. FURTHER, COLONEL BOBKO (OF POLISH EXTRACTION), ONE OF THE ASTRONAUTS OF THE MISSION, WAS ON HAND TO EXPLAIN DETAILS. STAFFORD PRESENTED GIEREK WITH A PLAQUE CONTAINING A POLISH FLAG WHICH HAD BEEN CARRIED ON THE LAST LUNAR MISSION AND A PICTURE OF THE COPERNICUS CRATER. GIEREK, VISIBLY MOVED, INVITED STAFFORD TO VISIT WARSAW. GIEREK WAS ALSO MADE AN HONORARY ADMIRAL OF THE TEXAS NAVY WHILE AT NASA.

2. NASA WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON AT THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB WITH PROMINENT HOUSTON BUSINESS LEADERS. SPEAKING WITH OBVIOUS SINCERITY, GIEREK EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISIT AND SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS POSSIBLE AS IS FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP OF THE AMERICAN

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AND POLISH PEOPLES.

3. FOLLOWING AN EXXON REFINERY TOUR, GIEREK VISITED A WORKING CATTLE RANCH AT WHICH HE SHOWED MORE THAN CASUAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CATTLE RAISING. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A

BARBECUE FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY, PRESS AND NEIGHBORS. AT THE BARBECUE, GIEREK WAS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND STETSON HAT (THE FIRST HAD BEEN PRESENTED ON ARRIVAL BY HOUSTON MAYOR FRED HOFHEINZ.)

4. THE LAST ITEM ON THE FULL DAY'S AGENDA WAS A SURPRISE VISIT TO A COUNTY RODEO WHERE GIEREK AND MRS. GIEREK WERE PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND APPLAUDED. BOTH SEEMED DELIGHTED BY THE BARBECUE AND RODEO. INGERSOLL

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